



Providing peace of mind for your health care practice

Accidental needlestick injuries are rare, but when a needlestick or sharps injury does occur in your practice, Travelers' highly trained Claim professionals are ready to respond. We pay for the cost of a diagnostic blood test for **both** the employee **and** the patient, so you can identify potential illnesses quickly, avoid unnecessary treatments and alleviate uncertainty.

The following steps will help you get started

- As with any work-related injury, first make sure the employee receives immediate medical attention and notify the appropriate supervisor or manager.
 - Report the injury promptly to Travelers so our Claim department can guide you through the workers compensation claim process. You can reach us at 800.238.6225.
 - If there is a potential for blood contamination, you may ask the patient to undergo a precautionary blood test to confirm the absence of bloodborne pathogens such as **Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV**. *Travelers will pay for Source Patient Testing as part of your workers compensation claim.*
 - *Source Patient Testing* can be completed by a medical provider or lab facility of the patient's choosing. Test results must be handled in accordance with medical privacy laws, and information related to *Source Patient Testing* cannot be shared with Travelers.
- The bills for both employee and *Source Patient Testing* may be submitted as part of the workers compensation claim for reimbursement. We have special procedures for handling these invoices to ensure patient privacy is maintained. Your Claim professional will assist you in directing the bill for payment.
 - As with any workers compensation injury, our Claim professionals are available to assist you in all facets of the claim to ensure effective treatment and recovery of an injured employee.

An accidental needlestick injury during a patient procedure can be a frightening experience for any health care professional. But that anxiety can be minimized with a workers compensation policy from Travelers.

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